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MILITARY ADDEES ALSO FOR POLAD, COLOMBO ALSO PASS MALE-INFO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:BEXP, XO, US, UK

SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA MEDIA VISIT

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: THE US AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS HAVE ISSUED INVITATIONS TO CERTAIN US AND BRITISH NEWS ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST VISIT OF JOURNALISTS TO DIEGO GARCIA. THE VISIT IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 6, 1977. SPACE LIMITATION ABOARD A C-141 MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND LOGISTIC AIRCRAFT DICTATES THAT ONLY 18 US AND 17 UK MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES CAN BE ACCOMMODATED, AND ORGANIZATIONS TO BE INVITED HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM LISTS OF THE MEDIA WHICH HAVE, OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN VISITING THE ISLAND. NEWS ORGANIZATIONS WHICH PARTICIPATE IN THE VISIT WILL REIMBURSE THE US FOR THE COST OF AIR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM DIEGO GARCIA. LACK OF OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS ON THE ISLAND, AND THE EXTENDED FLIGHT TIMES INVOLVED, REQUIRE THAT THE VISIT BE LIMITED TO DAYLIGHT HOURS.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: THE US WILL INVITE A TOTAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF 18 NEWSMEN REPRESENTING ABC, CBS, NBC, AP, UPI, TIME, NEWSWEEK, US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, NEW YORK TIMES, LOS ANGELES TIMES, WASHINGTON POST, WALL STREET JOURNAL AND

READERS DIGEST, ADDITIONAL MEDIA MAY BE SELECTED FROM THE WAITING LIST DEPENDING ON WHETHER POOLS ARE ARRANGED, OR IF AN AGENCY DECLINES. THE UK HAS INFORMED US THAT A TOTAL OF 17 JOURNALISTS WILL BE INVITED FROM REUTERS, BBC EXTERNAL SERVICES, ITN, BBC TV NEWS, SUNDAY TIMES, THE TIMES, DAILY TELEGRAPH, THE GUARDIAN, FINANCIAL TIMES, DAILY MIRROR, DAILY MAIL, DAILY EXPRESS, UNITED NEWSPAPERS AND THOMSON REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS, MR. M.K. EWANS, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY (BIOT), WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRESS, AS WILL MR. JOE FOURT, USIA DEFENSE ADVISOR. US MILITARY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS WILL ALSO ASSIST WITH THE VISIT, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SENIOR US AND UK NAVAL OFFICERS ON THE ISLAND.

3. SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY SEPARATE DIPLOMATIC FLIGHT CLEARANCE REQUESTS, THE FOLLOWING APRIL ITINERARY WILL APPLY, ALL TIMES LOCAL:

ETA	LOCATION	ETD
050800	HONG KONG	050900
051220	SINGAPORE	060800
061125	DIEGO GARCIA	061625
070100	SINGAPORE	080800

081220 HONG KONG 081300

081450 CLARK AB (NO JOURNALISTS THIS  
LEG OF C-141 FLIGHT.)  
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5. EMBASSIES MAY, AT THEIR DISCRETION, INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF THIS FIRST-EVER PRESS VISIT TO DIEGO GARCIA, DRAWING ON INFO IN PARA ONE ABOVE. PRESS QUESTIONS WHICH GO BEYOND PARA ONE INFORMATION SHOULD BE TAKEN, OR REFERRED TO DEPT (OSD/PA FOR MILITARY ADDRESSEES), PRIOR TO APRIL 6, 1977.

6. FOR SINGAPORE: RECOGNIZE TIME OF RETURN TO SINGAPORE ON APRIL 7 WILL REQUIRE SPECIAL COORDINATION; REQ USDAO MAKE PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES PENDING RECEIPT DIP CLEARANCE MESSAGE. THE DEPARTURE FROM SINGAPORE IS SCHEDULED TO ALLOW FOR REQUIRED CREW REST. END LOU  
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